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SUBJ: NIKOLAUS SCHERK, SECRETARY TO CHANCELLOR KREISKY: BIOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION

1. NIKOLAUS SCHERK, 35, AN AUSTRIAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, HAS BEEN ASSIGNED SINCE MARCH 1975 TO CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S OFFICE AS LIAISON OFFICER WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. SCHERK WAS BORN IN STANISIC (AT THAT TIME PART OF HUNGARY, NOW IN YUGOSLAVIA). AFTER THE POST-WAR EXPULSION OF ETHNIC GERMANS, THE FAMILY SETTLED IN VIENNA. IN 1960 SCHERK SPENT A YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA AS PARTICIPANT IN AFS PROGRAM. HE RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA IN 1965. FOLLOWING MILITARY SERVICE IN 1966, SCHERK STUDIED POLITICAL SCIENCE IN PARIS, 1966-68. SCHERK JOINED THE MFA IN 1968 AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ECONOMICS SECTION. HIS FIRST POST ABROAD WAS BERN (1970-73); HIS SECOND LAGOS (1973-75).

2. SCHERK IS PERSONABLE AND COMPETENT, HAS THE EAR OF THE CHANCELLOR, AND IS LIKELY TO GO ON TO HIGHER RESPONSIBILITIES AS A RESULT. IN THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE HE HAS DEALT WITH THE SOVIET JEWISH REFUGEE
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TRANSIT ISSUE AMONG VARIED FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS. IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, HE HANDLES HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

3. SCHERK'S WIFE IS FRENCH, AND ATTRACTIVE. THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS VERY GOOD ENGLISH AND FRENCH. HE REMEMBERS HIS HIGH SCHOOL YEAR IN CALIFORNIA WITH PLEASURE, HAS A MOST POSITIVE

ATTITUDE TOWARD THE U.S., AND IS LOOKING
FORWARD TO ACCOMPANYING KREISKY ON HIS TRIP.BUCHANAN

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